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### SANTA CLAUS RAIN ON MAUI

Drought District Gets Drenching  
—Makawao May Go Into  
Wheat Growing.

WAILUKU, Maui, December 25.—Between the sixteenth and twenty-first copious rains visited Makawao district, the rainfall measuring from three to ten inches except in the Kula section where Omaopio and Waiakoa were blessed with only one inch while farther out in the Kamaole region none at all was measured. During the early part of Saturday evening there was a brief electric display in the atmosphere, followed the next day by a slight snow-fall along the topmost ridge of Haleakala. The district was suffering from a drought and the downpour was most needed. Haleakala Ranch was obliged to keep men continually working at the pumps at the head waters of its pipeline near Ukulele on Haleakala. The rain was such a welcome one that some of the Makawao people called it a "Santa Claus rain."

**May Plant Wheat.**  
Some of the farmers of Makawao tempted by the high price of flour are thinking of planting small areas of wheat thus reviving an old local industry. One man proposes to put in ten acres. There is also some talk about establishing a little mill though nothing definite has been decided as yet.

**Pythian Elections.**  
The annual election of officers of Aloha Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, was held in their castle hall Saturday. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: L. M. Baldwin, C. C.; E. F. Dehnert, V. C.; C. Hansen, P.; Wm. Ault, M. of W.; D. L. Meyer, M. of F.; C. D. Larkin, M. of E.; J. J. Walsh, K. of R. & S.; W. A. Sparks, M. at A.; R. A. Wadsworth, M. of W., assistant; H. Streunbeck, J. Freitas and H. M. Coke, hall trustees; W. F. McConkey and J. H. Farrell, physicians.

**Ministers' Monthly Meeting.**  
The regular monthly ministers' meeting of the central Maui ministers was held at the Kahului church last Tuesday morning. There was a good attendance. The sermons for the day were on the Christmas theme, and were preached in outline by Revs. Murray and Kanaulalena, and Mr. Yee Kui. The theological work of Clarke's outline that Rev. Mr. Dodge prepared was reviewed in Hawaiian by Sam K. Kaiapa. Mr. Dodge spoke upon socials for the benefit of our churches. The ladies of the parish furnished luncheon.

**Engagement Announced.**  
The engagement of Miss Ethel Smith of Hamakunapoko to Mr. E. C. Mellor, bookkeeper of the Haiku Fruit and Packing Company, has been recently announced.

**Maui Notes.**  
Deputy Sheriff Crowell and Doctor

Mead were called to camp 10 on Tuesday to investigate a case that is supposed to be one of suicide. A Jap was found hanging by the neck in a gulch. As the body was found to be in the Makawao district the case was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Morton.

Judge Seiden B. Kingsbury has so far recovered from the effects of an injured wrist which he sustained some months ago while starting his auto, as to be able to again use the steering wheel of his auto.

Several of the Russian laborers recently established at Keauhou have departed for California.

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